Cuyahoga County Airport Noise Abatement Council Report on Meeting of July 9, 2020

Dear Mayor Gardner and Members of Council:

The Cuyahoga County Airport Noise Abatement Council held its quarterly meeting on July 9, 2020, via conference call due to COVID-19 measures. Because the scheduled meeting of April 9, 2020, had been cancelled, the July 9 meeting covered airport operations and complaints for both the first and second quarters of 2020. The meeting packet, which includes various details on operations and complaints, is included with this report.

The airport logged 3,588 operations during the first quarter, including 46 during the Voluntary Noise Abatement (VNA) hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Five complaints were reported (four during the VNA hours) from residents in Willoughby Hills and Highland Heights.

During the second quarter, 4,310 operations were reported, including 55 during the VNA hours. Three complaints were received (two during the VNA hours) – all from South Euclid.

It was noted that total airport operations were down approximately 25 percent during the first half of 2020 compared with a year ago, primarily due to the COVID-19 situation. (There were 7,898 operations through June 30, 2020, versus 10,644 a year earlier. Along with the lower traffic volume, there have been fewer complaints — eight this year to date, against 22 through mid-2019.)

The next scheduled NAC meeting is October 8, 2020.

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